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Applicant(s): Hideo SUZUKI

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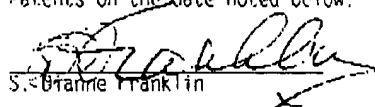
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The Office Action dated December 31, 2003 has been received.

PROBLEMS:

1. The Examiner did not act on the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 16, 2000, concurrently with the filing of the original application papers. Transmitted herewith is a photocopy of the Form PTO-1449 filed on March 16, 2000, which lists the references which were cited in the International Search Report. Copies of the references were provided to the USPTO by WIPO and, therefore, it is not necessary for applicant to file copies of the references.

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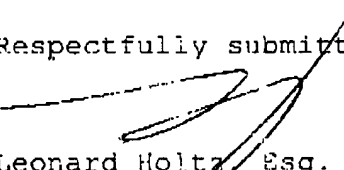
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed March 16, 2000, to confirm that the documents listed therein have all been considered and made of record.

2. It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document to perfect the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119. In this regard, see the "NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE..." dated April 28, 2000, wherein the USPTO confirms that the Priority Document has been received.

Respectfully submitted,


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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	"MENU ICON WITH HIDDEN GEOMETRICAL PASSWORD", IBM TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE BULLETIN, Vol. 32, No. 10B, 1 March 1990, pages 463-464, XP000097958 - entire document.					
EXAMINER: <i>Jonathan Adair</i>			DATE CONSIDERED: 1/21/04			

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